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## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-12, 18-20, and 23-25 as follows:

1. (Amended) A microscope slide composition comprising:
  - a) a substrate with a surface comprising discrete sites, said sites separated by a distance of less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein said substrate comprises the dimensions of a microscope slide; and
  - b) a population of microspheres comprising at least a first and a second subpopulation, wherein said first subpopulation comprises a first bioactive agent and said second subpopulation comprises a second bioactive agent, wherein said microspheres are randomly distributed on said surface.
2. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said sites are separated by a distance of less than 25  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said sites are separated by a distance of less than 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein said sites are separated by a distance of at least about 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
6. (Twice Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the distance between centers of a first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is at least 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .  
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7. (Amended) The composition according to claim 6, wherein the distance between said first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is less than about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .
9. (Amended) A composition according to claim 8, wherein the distance between a first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is less than about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .  
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10. (Amended) A composition according to claim 9, wherein the distance between a first and second member of said first subpopulation is less than about 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. (Amended) A composition according to claim 9, wherein the distance between a first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is less than about 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

12. (Amended) A composition according to claim 9, 10 or 11, wherein the distance between said first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is at least about 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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18. (Amended) A method for making a microscope slide composition comprising:

a) providing a substrate with a surface comprising discrete sites, said sites separated by a distance of less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein said substrate comprises the dimensions of a microscope slide; and

b) randomly distributing population of microspheres comprising at least a first and a second subpopulation, wherein said first subpopulation comprises a first bioactive agent and said second subpopulation comprises a second bioactive agent.

19. (Amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein said wells are separated by a distance of less than 25  $\mu\text{m}$ .

20. (Amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein said wells are separated by a distance of less than 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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23. (Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the distance between the centers of a first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is at least 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

24. (Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the distance between the centers of a first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is at least 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25. (Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the distance between a first and second microsphere of said first subpopulation is at least 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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Please add claim 26 as follows:

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26. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein said discrete sites are wells.